

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (new): An apparatus for applying a blood vessel clip comprising:

a grip assembly;

an applicator barrel extending from the grip assembly and defining an exit aperture;

a first pin extending distally from the applicator barrel on one side of the exit aperture;

and

a second pin extending distally from the applicator barrel on substantially the other side of the exit aperture.

Claim 56 (new): The apparatus as recited in claim 55, wherein the exit aperture defines a first plane, at least one of the first and second pins located in a plane other than the first plane.

Claim 57 (new): The apparatus as recited in claim 56, wherein at least one of the first and second pins lies in a plane substantially perpendicular to the first plane.

Claim 58 (new): The apparatus as recited in claim 55, wherein at least one of the first and second pins is fixed relative to the applicator barrel.